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The Fourth at Piney Point.

To the Editors of the American Telegraph. GENTLEMEN: The steamer Baltimore, whose beauty and style of finish has been the admiration of all who have beheld her, left Washington on the morning of the 3d for the abovementioned place, with a pleasant and agreeable of War—he says that if he did make a contract, company, numbering about ninety, a large por- which was unauthorized and improper, nothing tion of whom were ladies. We should have can be clearer than his offence was not a violabeen but poorly provided for had we been without their agreeable society; and I doubt without their agreeable society; and I doubt with regard to the second charge... wilful Washington two hours after the Baltimore de- gown of the barrister with the same ease and parted, with more passengers for the same destination, and which the Baltimore was to convey to the Point. The scenery around Aquia Creek has nothing of romance to greet the eye, being situated at the foot of a hill, a series of which extends for some distance along the banks of the river, resembling ancient mounds in their appearance, and but sparsely producing a stunted growth of shrubbery. We were not sorry when the bell announced the time of our departure, having received our complement of passengers from the Mount Vernon. Once more affoat upon the noble Potomac, whose bosom was so calm and undisturbed as to reflect the shadow of our boat, we moved on, the river becoming wider and wider, and objects on the banks less bservable. How pleasant was it then to realize our flight from the heated atmosphere. choking dust and busy contention of city life.

tike a thing of life." At two o'clock we seated ourselves to appease our sharpened appetites, which we did to our satisfaction. I cannot let this occasion pass without mentioning the courteous deportment of Capt. Turner, whose kindness was felt on all sides, and who was spoken of by every one as being the eleverest of the clever. Long may he live to command the beautiful "Baltimore," for a more skillful captain or praiseworthy gentleman never walked a deck. Having passed Blackstone Island some distance, we strained our eyes forward, endeavoring to pierce the dim vista which contained in its hidden folds our sought-for retreat. Looming up in the far-off distance might be discerned the white-washed walls of the light-house, situated on the Point. Gradually we neared can be readily illustrated and formed by putty, dough, clay, or any soft substance. The two situated on the Point. Gradually we neared we bounded upon terra firma at five o'clock. This was the first visit of a great many of our company to this delightful resort. After having entered our names and selected our apartments, we proceeded to examine the arrangements and more minutely observe the position of things. Having cast ourselves into the briny surf, we reveled for awhile in the pleasures of the bath; from thence we proceeded to the bowling saloon: on to the pistol matical solid. The cylinder is a round body of pleasures of the bath; from thence we proceeded to the bowling saloon; on to the pistol gallery, and passing through a cluster of pine is a round body, with one end a circle, the other fined 30s., which Mr. Cumming paid. trees we emerged on the banks of the creek, in a point, called the base and apex. The trunks the rear of the pavilion, at Captain Young's of trees and stems of grasses are cylinders, or department, where oysters, fresh from the cylindrical; the carrot, beet, and parsnip are water, were opened by his venerable hands and cones. sed freely to us, to which we did ample justice. Returning to the pavilion, the bell summoned us to supper, and passing into the properties of these figures are so interesting as capacious dining saloon, we there partook of the delicacies peculiar to the place, such as sheephead, soft crabs, &c. After supper we wandered upon the pebbly and shell-strewn beach, where the sand, as smooth as velvet and as firm to the tirely within the comprehension of young chiltread as pavement, afforded us a delightful dren, say six or eight years old, by the revoluthe sand, as smooth as velvet and as firm to the promenade; while the flood-tide, bearing in the rolling billows mounting over each other, burst at and receded from our feet. Here the cooling breeze from the bay came booming over the waters, bearing a dewy and refreshing atmosphere, which invigorated our system and amply clearly and strikingly, some interesting facts repaid us. We were aroused from our reveries by the sound of music, which proceeded from the ball-room, whither we repaired and joined in the mazy dance with our charming ladies. Conspicuous above the rest was the winning to every one engaged in a business pursuit. Miss B-, of Washington, who was the observed of all observers, and who was acknowledged by all to be deservedly the favorite. The ball-room is large, and open to a free circulation farming, mechanism, and domestic economy. of air. The music was very good. About 12 of clock we retired and slept soundly.

On the morning of the Fourth at an early literary and other sedentary personages provide On the morning of the Fourth, at an early

hour, the steamer Jewess from Baltimore landed a large number of Baltimoreans. Fresh arrivals for boys, and girls, too. from the country around began to pour in, and we found our company greatly increased. Many came in schooners from the neighboring ounties, and the river in front presented quite memoration of our glorious independence. Co- in aid of the mind. lumbus Morgan, esq., a promising lawyer, was the day, Richard H. Clarke, esq., of Washington city, was presented. It would be useless to out; suffice it to say that he acquitted himself to the high estimation of all. Long will be remembered the happy celebration which made so deep an impression upon all and every one present. It will be cherished as a day upon which we can look back and feel over again our hearts throbbing with patriotic devotion. I C****

The cholera is prevailing to a considerable extent in Waverly and vicinity, Morgan county, Ia. Dr. Martin, the leading physician of Martinsville, died of the disease,

ARMY COURT-MARTIAL.—This body are draw-

ing their labors to a close.

Mr. Carlisle, the counsel for General Talcott, yesterday read the defence of his client, the

time consumed being just one hour.

To the first charge—"a violation of the 132d under the followin article of the regulations for the government of from the report: the Ordnance Department," in sanctioning a contract for supplies to be made and carried into effect without the sanction of the Secretary

without their agreeable society; and I doubt not our anticipated delightful pastime would have been dull enough without them. At any rate, your humble correspondent in candor admits such would have been his state. Arriving at Aquia Creek, the boat was detained for fuel and other purposes, as well as for the arrival of the Mount Vernon, which was to leave Westlands of the Mount Vernon, which was to leave the Mount was after the Baltimore de-With regard to the second charge-" wilful

grace that he does the sword and epaulettes. As to the third-"conduct unbecoming an As to the third—"conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," among other things making a declaration which was "positively and wilfully false, and intended to deceive the Secretary of War," by authorizing and procuring, and causing to be made "a contract for the purchase of a large amount of ordnance stores— to wit, shot and shells—which he, the said Talcott, knew, and had previously reported to the Secretary of War, were not needed for the public service; such conduct being an abuse of the authority of his office, a breach of the trust reposed in him, and unbecoming an officer and a gentleman"—he denies that he made such contract or authorized it; and, referring to his conversations with the Secretary of War, says, that in his mind was one thing and in that of the Secretary another.

In conclusion, he returned his thanks to the court for the attention they manifested towards him during the trial, and to the Judge Advocate Onward we went, our swift boat darting the waters of the Judge Advocate remarked that he would spray from her bow and "walking the waters

submit the case without argument.

The room was then ordered to be cleared; and after some time spent in consultation by the

board, an adjournment took place.
[Republic of this morning. MECHANISM, No. X .- BY JOSIAH HOLBROOK. The sphere, cylinder, and cone are called the three round bodies." They are so called from the fact that most other round bodies may be viewed as modifications of these. The sphere may be called the "regular curved solid." It is even more regular than either of the five regular solids already named. It has no distinction of sides, edges, or corners. It presents the same view from whatever point examined. It is a perfectly round body. By pressing and but he is rather fond of spirits, and I am thererolling, the sphere may be changed into two
spheroids, flattened and lengthened, called obhave money. spheroids are exhibited in many vegetables. The turnip, onion, peach, and canteloupe are oblate spheroids. The plum and watermelon are prolate spheroids. The earth is an oblate spheroid, being very slightly flattened at the

A plane passing through the centre of a sphere divides it into two hemispheres. These can be uniform diameter and circular ends. The cone

The cone can be divided in five different seccircle, ellipse, hyperbole, and parabola. The to be the subject of a distinct science, under the title of "Conic Sections." This science is sufficient in its details to occupy a volume of

considerable size.

The three round bodies can be brought entions of four figures, made of brass, tin, or iron. The revolution of a circle produces the sphere. An eclipse revolving around its two diameters produces the two spheroids, oblate and prolate.

about the earth. A circle, by different divisions, shows a semicircle, quadrant, sector, segment, diameter. chord, arch, tangent, secant, sine, coradius. sine, &c., all important to be familiar at least By a lathe any person can form, for his own instruction and amusement, not only the three round bodies, but innumerable modifications of them, as called for in the daily purposes of themselves with lathes; frequently the amusement of ladies as well as gentlemen; excellent

EXPERIMENTS .- In one building not a thousand miles from Washington were two schools. In one, pupils were whipped daily and severely for playing truant; in the other they would need whipping, if at all, to keep them from school. The former was a "Book School." summoned to attend the ceremonies of the com- the latter a "Working School"-using the hand

LABOR. - There is a percanial nobleness, and introduced and proceeded to preface the reading even sacredness, in work. Were he ever so be of the Declaration by a few cloquent and pertinighted, forgetful of his high calling, there is nent remarks. After the reading, the orator of always hope in a man that actually and earnestly works; in idleness alone is there perpetual mittee therein mentioned. despair. Doubt, desire, sorrow, remorse, indignation, despair itself-all these, like hell-dogs, undertake a description of the glowing eloquence, lie beleaguering the soul of the poor day-worke the beautiful metaphors, and the patriotic out- as of every man; but he bends himself with ursts which characterized his speech through- free valor against his task, and all these are stilled-all these shrink murmuring far off into their caves.

> TERRIBLE DEATH .- A negro man, belonging to Colonel Hurst, of Scriven county, Ga., was bitten on the hand, a few days ago, by a rattle snake, and in twenty minutes he was a corpse In five minutes after the bite; his face, scalp. and tongue were enormously swollen, his al domen enlarged, and his tongue protruded between his teeth.

courts. It is a suit by Sam ael Colt against the Massachusetts Arms Company.

A WILD AFRICAN.-Mr. Gordon Cumming whose wild sports in South Africa was so fresh and fascinating a chapter of adventure, although rather highly seasoned with stores of promiscu-ous slaughter, has been before a London court, under the following circumstances. We extract

Mr. Gordon Cummings keeps an African, not five feet high, nose flat, eyes sunken, and fore-head squat; and when this sable gentleman im-bibes spirits he becomes somewhat like the beasts of his native forests. This exotic was brought before Mr. Broughton on a charge of drunkenness and assault. Mr. Cumming at-tended and a singular scene award between tended, and a singular scene ensued between the lion-hunter and the police magistrate. Mr. Broughton thought proper to put a variety of irrelevant questions to Mr. Cumming about his

African adventures:
Mr. Broughton.—When and where did you meet with him?

Mr. Cumming.—About six years ago. He came to drink at a fountain close to which my wagons were encamped in the desert.

Mr. Broughton.—What was your object in going out to this part of the globe?

Mr. Cumming.—My expedition had its rise with me in a thirst for further knowledge in

natural history.

Mr. Broughton .- When your wagons were encamped, as you have stated, what numbers of persons were in care of them while you were

ursuing your "sport?"
Mr. Cumming.—Three men and two boys.
Mr. Broughton.—And this was all the force

you had with you, was it?

Mr. Cumming.—It was, sir; I neither thought of nor cared for more. The prisoner at first concealed himself, thinking that those to whom the wagons belonged were Dutch boors; and on my return from hunting I took him at his wish into my service, and he has been with me ever since. He was almost naked when he came to my wagons for protection, having nothing on him but a bit of sheepskin tied round his loins. He took a fancy to me, and has always stayed with me

Mr. Broughton .- You have brought some animals over with you to this country, have you

Mr. Cumming .- Yes, sir; dead specimens, but none living.

Mr. Broughton, (to the African.)—Do you

like England? African, (who spoke English tolerably well.)

Not much, sir; it is too cold for me.

Mr. Broughton.—Would you like to go back
naked again to your own country?

Prisoner .- I should very much Mr. Cumming.—I understand he had been with the boors, and that he made his escape from them in consequence of the cruel treat-ment which he experienced from those in whose

service he formerly was. Mr. Broughton.—Do you give him any wages?
Mr. Cumming.—I give him clothes and food,
but he is rather foud of spirits, and I am there-

After this conversation the case was heard. The African had got drunk on Monday, and desired to be driven home in a cab; but the cabman refused to drive him without the money down. A gentleman named Ellis stopped to see the row, when the African, getting furious, struck him and others with a stick from within the cab. He next suddenly rushed out and attempted to bite several persons and "the nose of the cab horse;" and, after a desperate shindy with the police, he was eventually strapped upon a stretcher, taken to the station-house and locked up. He made no defence, except re-marking that some ale and beer given to him had taken effect "all on a sudden." He was

We noticed a man sitting on the door-sill of one of the State offices, quite early the other morning, reading the Daily Sentinel, paid for by another person. The individual has, in the last few years, made a bandsome sum of money by contracting for the erection of brick buildings, and of course is too poor to pay for a paper himself. This is not the only instance of the kind that we have noticed. We have no doubt but that the readers of papers printed in this city outnumber the subscribers ten to one.

[Indiana State Journal. "More of the same sort" here, friend Brown. We often lose a subscriber because his neighbors must read the paper first.

Some of the different tribes of the Western Indians have united in contributing a memorial to the Government, in the shape of a block of stone for the Washington Monument. The fol-lowing is the inscription which it will bear when finished: "This Step the Red Man gives to the Pale Face to build him a path in a better Hunting-Ground."-N. O. Crescent.

The white man who wrote so ridiculous an inscription ought to be cobbed.

TOBACCO AND THEOLOGY .- "Believing the use of tobacco, as a personal luxury, whether in the form of smoking, snuffing, or chewing, to be an injurious habit—uncleanly, unhealthy, and expensive—and fearing that the use of this pernicious article is rapidly increasing in many sections of our land, particularly among the young : Therefore, "Resolved, That this convention raise a com-

sale and use, to the pecuniary and moral bearings of this narcotic weed, and report to this body at some future meeting what action, if any action, should be taken in the premises.' The above preamble and resolution were

mittee, composed of a suitable number, which

committee shall collect statistics relating to the

passed at the Convention of Congregational Ministers recently held in Boston; and Rev. George Trask, of Fitchburg, Rev. John Pierpont of Medway, and Rev. Leonard Woods, D.D., of Andover, were appointed to act as the investigating and subsequently reporting com-

IMPROVEMENTS IN CANAL NAVIGATION .- Mr. Archibald Slate, of Dudley, England, has re-ceived a patent for certain improvements in canal navigation, which relate to the transfer of boats from one level to another, and to the propelling of boats. The transfer is effected by a new construction of vertical lift, in which the boat is run into a caisson raised and lowered by machinery, working in a frame-work which is situated above the arms of the levels. The new method of propulsion consists in the emplayment of compressed air as the motive

WESTWARD THE STAR OF EMPIRE. - The Ausland, an able journal published at Stuttgart, A Patent Pistol Case is before the Boston Germany, thinks that the next great step of the Americans will be infallibly the subjugation of Japan and China!